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LETTERS TO EDITOR DISCUSS BUREAUCRATISM  
AMONG LEADING CADRES IN CHINESE COOPERATIVES

On 11 July 1953, the Tientsin Ta Kung Pao published two letters to the editor discussing the bureaucratic attitude of two leaders of the ch'u cooperatives. The letters were written to call the attention of the proper authorities to the conduct of the cooperative leaders so that disciplinary action could be taken.

The first letter was written by four representatives of a marketing and supply cooperative of the Eighth Ch'u of Mien-yang, Szechwan, and it discussed the shortcomings of Chou Ch'ang-yin, chairman of the cooperative. Extracts from the letter follow:

"Chou Ch'ang-yin claims to be a man of experience. He is arrogant, uses a parental attitude in dealing with the comrades, rebukes them almost daily for slight errors, and uses coarse language. The comrades are given no chance to explain matters and are rebuked by Chou Ch'ang-yin so often that they are dumb-founded and dare not speak or even look up as he passes. Chou Ch'ang-yin always considers himself right and does not listen to the masses.

"Chou Ch'ang-yin's business transactions have often caused the nation great economic losses. As an example, on 1 December 1952, at the first goods exchange fair he bought more than 100 million yuan's worth of factory cloth and so far has sold only a small portion of it. However, the comrades do not dare criticize Chou or make proposals to him. Their only recourse is to sit back and view the nation's economic and political losses.

"On 9 May, our cooperatives held a discussion in which local party committee members participated. During this discussion Chou Ch'ang-yin received coldly the comrades' suggestions about his shortcomings.

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"We hope that the hsien federation of cooperatives will take proper action to reorient Chou Ch'ang-yin so that our cooperatives will not suffer greater losses."

The second letter was written on behalf of the Federation of Cooperatives of Mei-shan Hsien in Szechwan and discussed the shortcomings of Han Ts'un-kuan, vice-chairman of the Federation of Cooperatives. Extracts from this letter follow:

"Han Ts'un-kuan does not thoroughly understand his work, does not consider the needs of the people, and is bureaucratic.

"During March and April 1953, Han led the Fourth Ch'u cooperatives in a democratic investigation. Because Han did not thoroughly understand conditions in the cooperatives, he could not properly conduct the investigation nor was he able to ascertain the root of the problems. To avoid any personal responsibility Han simply blamed and reprimanded the comrades for the inefficiencies existing in the cooperatives.

"An example of Han's lack of cooperation was shown in January 1953 when Han, although at home, left word that he was not in, so that he would not have to participate in the hsien people's government conference called to discuss the problem of expanding the cooperatives.

"Han treated government property as his own private property and used public funds as he wished.

"We hope the authorities will carry on an investigation to help Han realize his faults."

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